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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/06/04	02/28/04
BRO-FRY	154,615	157,143
LT HENS	1,325	1,295
HVY HENS	1,333	1,376

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	95	0	95
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	229	3	232
SAME WEEK YR AGO	240	0	240
TO-DATE/2004	1,916	29	1,945
TO-DATE/2003	2,933	46	2,979

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,234	1,252	2,486
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,520	1,317	2,837
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,926	1,296	3,222
TO-DATE/2004	12,180	10,260	22,440
TO-DATE/2003	16,537	11,079	27,616

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391
AVG WT	5.17	3.36	8.00	5.79
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	152,287	1,291	1,314	2,605
SAME WK YR AGO	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982
AVG WT	5.12	3.34	7.86	5.34
TO-DATE/2004	1,225,994	10,264	10,231	20,495
TO-DATE/2003	1,199,135	13,604	11,033	24,637

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.6 million head or 2.2 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 21-Feb-2004

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	33,640	22,598	44,271
Avg Weight	3.57	4.82	6.29
% of total /1	33%	22%	44%
 Last week	 28,938	 20,603	 44,512
Avg Weight	3.71	4.80	6.26
% of total /1	31%	22%	47%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 22,373	 21,547	 47,090
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.22
% of total /1	25%	24%	52%
 To date/2004	 170,845	 149,260	 284,764
To date/2003	163,349	148,016	296,543

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,744	2,466	34	9	4,253
AVG WT	15.76	36.46	26.75	34.18	27.89
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,651	2,507	31	6	4,195
SAME WK YR AGO	1,793	2,619	61	29	4,502
AVG WT	15.72	36.82	24.76	26.29	28.18
TO-DATE/2004	13,468	19,476	280	57	33,281
TO-DATE/2003	13,595	20,793	495	116	34,999

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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